(b) if so, whether Government plan to initiate any penal action against the seed suppliers under the Seeds Act; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Claims disbursed under Crop insurance Scheme

2160. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the claims disbursed during the last three years say upto January, 1993 under the Crop Insurance Scheme in States of Rajasthan and Orissa; and

(b) the number of farmers actually benefited under this scheme in the two States during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The State Government of Rajasthan did not implement the Crop Insurance Scheme in the last three years.

The claim disbursed and number of farmers benefited under this scheme in Orissa during the last three years, is as under:—

Rs. in lakh

	Claims paid	Farmers benefited
1990-91	279.91	60624
1991-92	75.94	18484
1992-93	..	..

Data for 1992-93 is not yet available, as the cut off dates for sending yield data to General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) by the State Governments are 31st July 1993, for Kharif and Rabi Seasons respectively.

Starvation Deaths

2161. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article captioned "matter of coincidence—starvation is common in tribal areas" in the Sunday Weekly of 24-30 January, 1993 saying that starvation is not a sole privilege of Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput of India.

(b) if so, which other tribal pockets including those in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura have been identified as starvation prone; and

(c) what special steps, if any have been taken by the Central Government to ensure that no further starvation and malnutrition deaths take place in these areas?